

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

TENNESSEE STATE CONFERENCE OF  
THE N.A.A.C.P., *et al.*,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

TRE HARGETT, in his official capacity as  
Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee, *et  
al.*,

*Defendants.*

Civil Nos. 3:19-cv-365, 3:19-cv-385  
Hon. Aleta A. Trauger

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF  
TENNESSEE, *et al.*,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

TRE HARGETT, *et al.*,

*Defendants.*

**STIPULATION OF VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE  
UNDER RULE 41(a)(1)(A)(ii) OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL  
PROCEDURE AND ORDER**

WHEREAS on May 2, 2019, Governor Bill Lee signed into law House Bill 1079 / Senate Bill 971 (the “Third-Party Voter Registration Law,” or simply, the “Law”), codified at Tenn. Code. Ann. Sections 2-2-142(a)-(b) and (e)-(g), Sections 2-2-143(a)-(f), and Sections 2-19-145(a)-(f);

WHEREAS Plaintiffs Tennessee State Conference of the NAACP, Democracy Nashville-Democratic Communities, The Equity Alliance, and The Andrew Goodman Foundation challenged the Law under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 on May 2, 2019, alleging that the statute violated the First and Fourteenth Amendments;

WHEREAS Plaintiffs League of Women Voters of Tennessee, League of Women Voters of Tennessee Education Fund, American Muslim Advisory Council, Mid-South Peace & Justice Center, Memphis Central Labor Council, Rock the Vote, and HeadCount brought a separate suit under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, also alleging that the Law violated the First and Fourteenth Amendments, on May 9, 2019;

WHEREAS Plaintiffs in both cases subsequently amended their complaints to add allegations that the challenged provisions also violated the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20507(a)(2) and 20507(b)(1);

WHEREAS this Court granted the motion for a preliminary injunction brought by Plaintiffs League of Women Voters of Tennessee, *et al.*, on September 12, 2019;

WHEREAS this Court granted the motion for a preliminary injunction brought by Plaintiffs Tennessee State Conference of the NAACP, *et al.*, on September 13, 2019;

WHEREAS those preliminary injunctions have remained in effect at all times, and the challenged provisions of the law were never enforced;

WHEREAS in March 2020, the Tennessee Legislature enacted House Bill 2363, a copy of which is attached to this Stipulation as Exhibit 1, which the Governor signed into law on April 2, 2020;

WHEREAS the new law repeals all of the provisions of the Third Party Voter Registration Law that were challenged in these cases;

WHEREAS Plaintiffs in both cases believe that, although these cases are not technically moot as a matter of law, there nevertheless remains little purpose that would be served by further litigation, and that they have accomplished the results that they sought in bringing these cases;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED, by and between Plaintiffs Tennessee State Conference of the NAACP; Democracy Nashville-Democratic

Communities; The Equity Alliance; The Andrew Goodman Foundation; League of Women Voters of Tennessee; League of Women Voters of Tennessee Education Fund; American Muslim Advisory Council; Mid-South Peace & Justice Center; Memphis Central Labor Council; Rock the Vote; and HeadCount, and Defendants Tre Hargett, in his official capacity as Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee; Mark Goins, in his official capacity as Coordinator of Elections for the State of Tennessee; Herbert Slatery III, in his official capacity as Attorney General of the State of Tennessee; the State Election Commission; and Donna Barrett, Judy Blackburn, Greg Duckett, Mike McDonald, Jimmy Wallace, Tom Wheeler, and Kent Younce, in their official capacities as members of the State Election Commission, as follows:

1. Plaintiffs in *Tennessee State Conference of the N.A.A.C.P. v. Hargett* (M.D. Tenn. Civil No. 3:19-cv-365), hereby voluntarily dismiss their action without prejudice, pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(ii) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;
2. Plaintiffs in *League of Women Voters of Tennessee v. Hargett* (M.D. Tenn. Civil No. 3:19-cv-385), hereby voluntarily dismiss their action without prejudice, pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(ii) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;
3. These voluntary dismissals are without prejudice to the right of Plaintiffs in both cases to seek an award of attorneys' fees under 42 U.S.C. § 1988, and without prejudice to the right of the Defendants to oppose any award of attorneys' fees;
4. Plaintiffs shall have until December 21, 2020, in which to file their applications for attorneys' fees and costs, and Defendants shall have until January 21, 2021 within which to respond.

Dated: October 26, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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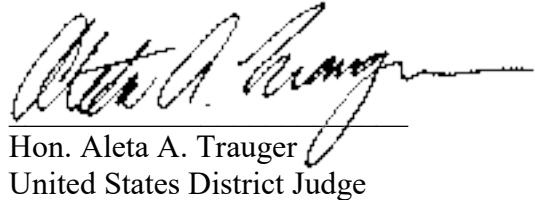
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**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: 10/26/2020, 2020



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